



Environmental Protection Agency

1701 S. First Street Maywood, IL. 60153

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June 9, 1983

NOTICE OF DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINANTS WITHOUT AN NPDES PERMIT

MOTOR OILS REFINING COMPANY
(COOK COUNTY)

Mr. Tom Hrastich,
Plant Operations Manager
Motor Oils Refining Company
7601 47th Street
McCook, IL 60525

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Sir:

It has come to the attention of this Agency that you are discharging contaminants to the waters of the State of Illinois without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. On April 5, 1983 a representative of this Agency inspected the ditches which lie adjacent to the eastern and southern portions of Motor Oils Refining Company property, this discharge system is tributary to the Des Plaines River. The representative observed large amounts of an oil-like substance both on Motor Oils Refining Company property and on the surface of the aforementioned ditches. Laboratory analysis of a grab sample collected from the ditch downstream of an oil skimming device revealed an oil concentration of 260,000 mg/l, which is substantially greater than the State effluent standard of 15 mg/l.

Please be advised that you are in apparent violation of Section 12 (a, b, d, and f) of the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Copy enclosed). In particular, Section 12 (d) prohibits the deposition of "... any contaminants upon the land in such place and manner so as to create a water pollution hazard". Section 42 (a) states, "Any person that violates any provisions of this act or any regulation adopted by the Board...shall be liable to a civil penalty...".

We request, within ten (10) days of the receipt of this letter, a written acknowledgement together with a detailed statement regarding the action taken or to be taken by Motor Oils Refining Company to resolve the above violations.

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



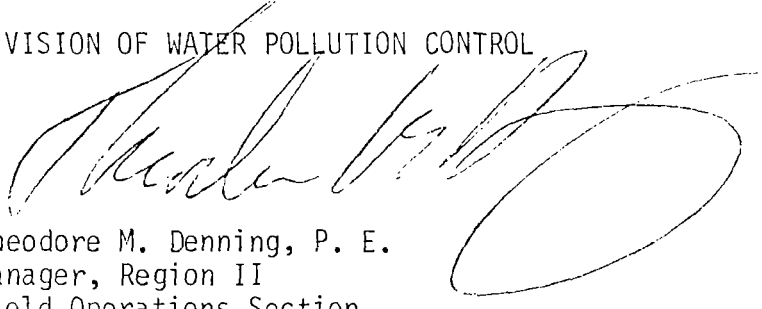
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Donald Klopke at the above address, or telephone (312) 345-9780.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL


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Field Operations Section

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